

(B) The effort involves a high degree of integration or coordination;

(C) The contractor has a substantial record of active participation in Federal socioeconomic programs;

(D) The contractor provides fully documented and reliable cost estimates;

(E) The contractor has an aggressive cost reduction program that has demonstrable benefits;

(F) The contractor uses a high degree of subcontract competition (*e.g.*, aggressive dual sourcing);

(G) The contractor has a proven record of cost tracking and control; or

(H) The contractor aggressively seeks process improvements to reduce costs.

(ii) The contracting officer may justify a maximum value when the effort—

(A) Requires large scale integration of the most complex nature;

(B) Involves major international activities with significant management coordination (*e.g.*, offsets with foreign vendors); or

(C) Has critically important milestones.

(3) *Below normal conditions.* (i) The contracting officer may assign a lower than normal value when the management effort is minimal. Indicators of this are—

(A) The program is mature and many end item deliveries have been made;

(B) The contractor adds minimum value to an item;

(C) The efforts are routine and require minimal supervision;

(D) The contractor provides poor quality, untimely proposals;

(E) The contractor fails to provide an adequate analysis of subcontractor costs;

(F) The contractor does not cooperate in the evaluation and negotiation of the proposal;

(G) The contractor's cost estimating system is marginal;

(H) The contractor has made minimal effort to initiate cost reduction programs;

(I) The contractor's cost proposal is inadequate; or

(J) The contractor has a record of cost overruns or another indication of unreliable cost estimates and lack of cost control.

(ii) The following may justify a value significantly below normal—

(A) Reviews performed by the field contract administration offices disclose unsatisfactory management and internal control systems (*e.g.*, quality assurance, property control, safety, security); or

(B) The effort requires an unusually low degree of management involvement.

4. Section 215.404-702 is amended by adding paragraph (b)(1)(iii) to read as follows:

215.404-72 Modified weighted guidelines method for nonprofit organizations other than FFRDCs.

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(iii) Do not assign a value from the technology incentive designated range.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1803 and 1852

NASA Inspector General Hotline Posters

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This is a proposed rule to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to require NASA contractors to display "hotline posters" on contracts exceeding \$5,000,000 and performed at contractor facilities in the United States.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before July 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to Paul Brundage, NASA Headquarters Office of Procurement, Contract Management Division (Code HK), Washington, DC 20456-0001. Comments may also be submitted by email to pbrundage@hq.nasa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Brundage, (202) 358-0481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

NASA's Office of Inspector General (IG) has requested that NASA contractors be required to display "hotline posters" in contractor facilities performing work on some NASA contracts. Foreign contracts and contracts less than \$5,000,000 would be exempt. This proposed rule would require contractors to obtain from the NASA IG "hotline posters" and to post them in facilities where and when work is performed on an applicable NASA contract. By waiver from Part 12, NASA might also impose this requirement on a case-by-case basis in contracts for commercial items when unusual circumstances warrant. An example of such circumstances might include procurements involving extraordinary concerns about the safety of human life.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This proposed rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small business entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) because it only affects small business entities with contracts exceeding \$5,000,000 and the NASA IG will provide the posters at no direct cost to contractors.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because this proposed rule does not impose information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

Lists of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1803 and 1852

Government procurement.

Tom Luedtke,

Associate Administrator for Procurement.

Accordingly, 48 CFR Parts 1803 and 1852 are proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 1803 and 1852 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

PART 1803—IMPROPER BUSINESS PRACTICES AND PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

2. Add Subpart 1803.70 to read as follows:

Subpart 1803.70—IG Hotline Posters

1803.7000 Policy.

1803.7001 Contract clause.

Subpart 1803.70—IG Hotline Posters

1803.7000 Policy.

NASA requires contractors to display NASA hotline posters prepared by the NASA Office of Inspector General on those contracts specified in 1803.7001, so that employees of the contractor having knowledge of waste, fraud, or abuse, can readily identify a means to contact NASA's IG.

1803.7001 Contract clause.

Contracting officers must insert the provision at 1852.203-70, Display of Inspector General Hotline Posters, in solicitations and contracts expected to exceed \$5,000,000 and performed at contractor facilities in the United States.

PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

3. Add section 1852.203–70 to read as follows:

1852.203–70 Display of Inspector General Hotline Posters.

As prescribed in 1803.7001, insert the following clause:

Display of Inspector General Hotline Posters
(Date)

(a) The Contractor shall display prominently in common work areas within business segments performing work under this contract, Inspector General Hotline Posters available under paragraph (b) of this clause.

(b) Inspector General Hotline Posters may be obtained from NASA Office of Inspector General, Code W, Washington, DC, 20546–0001, (202) 358–1220.
(End of clause)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 350, 390, 394, 395 and 398

[Docket No. FMCSA–97–2350]

RIN 2126–AA232

Public Hearings on Hours of Service of Drivers; Driver Rest and Sleep for Safe Operations

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: The FMCSA is announcing the second through seventh public hearings for interested persons to present comments and views on the FMCSA's proposed revisions to its hours-of-service regulations (65 FR 25540, May 2, 2000). This action is necessary to inform the public about the dates, times, and locations of the hearings. The FMCSA hopes to hear from the public, specifically drivers of trucks and buses, about how the proposed hours-of-service regulations would improve highway safety and affect their professional, personal, and family life. All oral presentations will be transcribed and placed in the rulemaking docket for the FMCSA's consideration.

DATES: The second hearing will be June 7 and 8 in Ontario, CA. Subsequent hearings will be June 12 and 13 in

Golden, CO; June 15 and 16 in Kansas City, MO; June 20 and 21 in Indianapolis, IN; June 26 and 27 in Vernon, CT; and June 29 and 30 in Atlanta, GA. All will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The second session will be at the Ontario Convention Center, Meeting Room 104B, 2000 Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA. The third will be held at Auditorium 2, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 West Sixth Avenue, Golden, CO. The fourth will be at the Wagstaff Theater, American Royal Center Complex, 1701 American Royal Court, Kansas City, MO. The fifth will be at the Union Federal Southwest Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 East 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN. The sixth will be at the Quality Inn Conference Center, 51 Hartford Turnpike (Route 83, I–84, Exit 63), Vernon, CT. The seventh will be at the Atlanta South Truck Stop, 122 Truck Stop Way (I–75, Exit 201), Jackson, GA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *General Information.* For general information or if you have special needs contact Mr. Stanley Hamilton, Office of Regulatory Development, (202) 366–0665. *Specific Information.* For information concerning the rulemaking contact Mr. David Miller, Office of Driver and Carrier Operations, (202) 366–1790, or Mr. Charles Medalen, Office of the Chief Counsel, (202) 366–1354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

Internet users may access all comment received by the U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL–401, by using the universal resource locator (URL): <http://dms.dot.gov>. It is available 24 hours each day, 365 days a year. Please follow the instructions on line for more information and help.

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512–1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's web page at <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Internet users may also find this document at the FMCSA's Motor Carrier Regulatory Information Service (MCREGIS) web site for notices at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/rulemakings.htm>.

First Hearing Notice

The notice for the first hearing was published May 5, 2000 (65 FR 26166). The first hearing will be in Washington,

DC on May 31 and June 1 at the DOT headquarters, Room 2230, 400 Seventh Street, SW 20590.

Accessibility Needs

If you need special accommodations, such as sign language interpretation, please contact Mr. Stanley Hamilton, Office of Regulatory Development, (202) 366–0665.

Oral and Written Comments

Oral comments should be limited to 10 minutes or less. Written comments must be sent to: Docket Clerk, Attn: DOT Docket No. FMCSA–97–2350, U.S. DOT Dockets, Department of Transportation, Room PL–401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Persons who require acknowledgment of the receipt of their comments must enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard. Comments may be reviewed at the above address from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 31502, and 31136; and 49 CFR 1.73.

Issued on: May 15, 2000.

Julie Anna Cirillo,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 000211040–0040–01; I.D. 051100D]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Halibut Bycatch Mortality Allowance in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed reapportionment of Pacific halibut bycatch mortality allowance specified for the nontrawl fishery categories; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes the reapportionment of the 2000 halibut bycatch mortality allowance specified for the Pacific cod hook-and-line fishery category to the other nontrawl fishery category in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary to allow the harvest of species constrained by the other nontrawl halibut bycatch mortality